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For : ELASTIC TRANSFER BELT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 16, 2002, the period for response extending until October 16, 2002, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Please cancel claims 21 - 31, directed to the non-elected invention, without prejudice or disclaimer.*

*Please enter the following new claims for consideration by Examiner.*

---32. An apparatus for guiding a fibrous material web in machines for at least one of producing and processing the fibrous material web, comprising:

an elastic transfer belt arranged to transfer the fibrous material web between an

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